

**REMARKS**

The application has been amended to delete the multiple dependencies therein, to provide appropriate headings for the various sections of the specification, and to delete the erroneous improper second paragraph of the abstract. Entry and consideration of this Amendment and an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**The specification is changed as follows:**

Page 1, after the title delete the heading "TEXT OF DESCRIPTION" and insert the heading

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 3, before the first full paragraph insert the heading

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Page 6, before the paragraph beginning at the bottom of the page insert the

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Page 7, after the description of figure 4 insert the heading

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Delete the heading "CLAIMS" and insert the heading

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

9. (Amended) The filter according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1, wherein each filtering element is obtained with a process according to one or more of the claims of the international patent application WO 00/69542.

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**IN THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE:**

Delete the improper second paragraph of the Abstract containing the parenthetical phrase "(Figure 4)".

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